At the end of 1101, the State's accumulated savings, after providing for all existing liabilities, are expected to be reduced to Rs. 32,78,152. It will appear from the statement of the financial position of the State as given in the Preliminary Budget that a portion of this surplus remains as cash in the Treasury which is required to meet all exigencies for Treasury transactions, another portion represents advances to ryots for agricultural purposes, loans to Co-operative Societies and for industrial and other purposes. The balance representing investments in securities, some of which are only short-term investments, serves as a reserve against contingencies in respect of cash requirements of the State.

I now propose to explain in detail the estimate of revenue and expenditure under each of the several heads. I may explain that in doing so each detailed head of account has been preceded by a summary of the head for facility of reference to the members. Non-votable charges have been printed in italics except where they have been specially noted as such. Though it was not usual to provide leave allowance for establishments, it has been invariably found that the budget provisions are usually exceeded on account of the grant of leave allowances to officers. Hence leave allowances have been separately provided for each establishment at 5 per cent of its cost in the case of non-vacation departments and at 2½ per cent in the case of others. This provision, I need hardly point out, is only a very rough estimate and it will not be utilised if no necessity arises.

Land Revenue.

Receipts.—The revised estimate for 1100 falls short of the budget estimate of Rs. 12,08,400 by Rs. 76,100 and is mainly due to the fact that the Chittur forest exclusions and backwater areas proposed for assignment under the scheme of increasing arable areas of the State could not be sold away as was anticipated. The budget estimate for 1101 Rs 12 79,500 has been framed on the basis of normal conditions except under 'Land Revenue Proper-Capital,' where a sum of Rs 1,00,000 is anticipated to be realised from the sale of backwater areas and forest exclusions.

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Expenditure.—According to the revised estimate the expenditure is expected to amount to Rs. 2,26,100 as against the budget allotment of Rs 2,13,400. The increase is mainly due to the grant of leave allowances and the increased expenditure under 'Travelling allowance'.

The budget estimate for 1101 is fixed at Rs. 2,25,300, i.e., Rs. 800 less than the revised estimate.

Provision has been made only according to standing sanctions. The only heads that call for any remarks are 'Travelling allowance,' 'Temporary establishment' and 'Survey school'.

In the budget estimate of 1100 only a sum of Rs. 18,000 was provided for Travelling allowance of the Land Revenue Department and in view of the actuals the provision has been found insufficient and raised to Rs. 20,000 in the revised estimate. The budget estimate for 1101 follows the revised estimate and is fixed at Rs. 20,000 Under Temporary establishment is included the provision for a clerk for the revision of Land Revenue Manual, the establishment for the renewal of Oodupilli lands and a special temporary staff for the joint verification of the Palghat Cochin Boundary. One of the Head clerks of the Secretariat is being trained in Survey for a period of two years and hence the provision under Survey school. A provision is also made for a revision of staff of the Treasuries owing to the congestion of work in them.

Agriculture and Panchayats.

Receipts.—The receipts under this head mainly consist of the sale proceeds from the Central Farm and Public Gardens and sales of avenues. In the budget estimate for 1101 a sum of Rs. 25,200 has been anticipated as against the revised estimate of Rs. 25,500. The variation being too small calls for no remarks.

Expenditure.—The revised estimate amounts to Rs. 2,35,300 as against the budget estimate of Rs. 2,30,900 and the increase is mainly due to the enhanced contribution to Village Panchayats for flood relief works. The budget estimate for 1101 falls short

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